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### AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sirs:

The present paper is being filed as a complete response to the office action mailed July 3, 2002. This paper is timely filed as it is being filed within the 1-month period to respond by August 3, 2002.

Should a request for extension of time be deemed necessary, please consider this paper to constitute such a request. Please deduct any fees required in conjunction with this paper, including the payment of any extension fee or issue fee, to Deposit Account Number 14-0460.

#### In the Claims

Please cancel claims 12, 13, 35-42 and 45-67, without prejudice.

Please add the following claims:

- Rule 1.126. 69-68. The composition of claim 1 further comprising a carrier.
- 70-69. The composition of claim 1 wherein the substantially purified thermostable Gux I peptide is further defined as comprising a heterologous peptide or protein.
- 71-70. The composition of claim 69 wherein the heterologous peptide or protein comprises an immunoglobulin.